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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action from the Examiner dated 12/03/02, Paper No. 9, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. A version of the claims as originally filed having necessary markings to show the changes made is attached at end as required under 37 CFR § 1.121.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 6, and 12 with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A self-retaining implant for attaching a bone cover or a bone fragment, the implant comprising:
- a support element having an upper side and a lower side, the lower side for facing a surface of the bone cover or the bone fragment; and
 - an extension extending from the lower side of the support element and supporting therefrom at least one spike, wherein the spike extends substantially parallel